GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BORDER FIRINGS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Pakistan resorted to heavy firings recently;

(b)if so, whether the Government have raised this issue in the international forum; and

(c)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)
(a) Pakistan frequently resorts to unprovoked firing along the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL), Line of Control (LoC) and International Boundary (IB) in Jammu & Kashmir. Some of these incidents of unprovoked firing are aimed at providing covering fire to terrorists that are being infiltrated into India.

(b)-(c) Government have been appropriately and effectively bringing to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in India, and have also highlighted the reason why Pakistan often resorts to unprovoked firing along the IB, LoC and AGPL in Jammu & Kashmir.

Government have on numerous occasions reiterated to Pakistan the importance of strengthening peace and security along the IB, LoC and AGPL in Jammu & Kashmir. For this purpose, Government had, on 6th July 2001, also instructed the Director General of Military Operations to seek a meeting with his Pakistani counterpart for talks, so that processes for peace along the LoC and the AGPL can be strengthened and stabilized. Government have also conveyed to Pakistan our determination to defeat all threats to our security and territorial integrity.

Government will take all appropriate measures to safeguard India`s sovereignty, security and territorial integrity.